

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 14 and 16 as follows:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device in which liquid crystal having negative dielectric anisotropy is sealed between a first substrate and a second substrate, to surfaces of which a vertical alignment process is applied, and alignment of the liquid crystal molecules becomes substantially perpendicular when no voltage is applied, substantially parallel when a predetermined voltage is applied, and oblique when a voltage smaller than the predetermined voltage is applied, comprising:

a first domain defining means formed of dielectric projections provided on the first substrate, for defining an oblique alignment direction of the liquid crystal molecules when the voltage smaller than the predetermined voltage is applied;

a second domain defining means provided on the second substrate, for defining the oblique alignment direction of the liquid crystal molecules when the voltage smaller than the predetermined voltage is applied;

a plurality of first bus lines formed on the first substrate or the second substrate;

a plurality of second bus lines formed over the first bus lines at a distance;

a pixel electrode formed in areas that are partitioned by the first bus lines and the second bus lines; and

dielectric structures formed on at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate in areas to ~~oppose~~ overlap to at least a part of areas between the pixel electrode and the first bus lines as viewed in normal direction, the dielectric structures being different from the projections.

15. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein the projections and the dielectric structures are formed of same material and by same steps.

16. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein the dielectric structures are ~~formed on~~ overlapped to at least one of the first bus lines and the second bus lines.

17. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein the second domain defining means are projections to protrude into a layer of the liquid crystal or slits opened partially in an electrode on a second substrate side.

18. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein a red, green, or blue color filter is formed to oppose to the pixel electrode, and the dielectric structures are composed of color filters that are overlapped in areas not opposing to the pixel electrode.

19. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 18, wherein the areas not opposing to the pixel electrode are at least one of areas between the first bus lines and the pixel electrode and areas between the second bus lines and the pixel electrode.

20. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 18, wherein another dielectric structures are further superposed on the areas in which the color filters are overlapped.

21. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 18, wherein another dielectric structures are formed to oppose to the areas in which the color filters are overlapped.

22. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein the dielectric structures are formed up to areas protruding into a part of the pixel electrode.

23. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein at least one of the first domain defining means and the second domain defining means is not provided on an outside of the pixel electrode, or is not provided in peripheral areas intersecting with at least one of the first bus lines and the second bus lines.

24. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein a thickness of the dielectric structures is more than 1 μm .

25-45. (Cancelled)